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A N N U A L R E P O R T
OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
and
SANITARY INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR

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WARMLEY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Composition of the District:-

Parishes of BITTON

HANHAM ABBOTS

MANGOTSFIELD

OLDLAND

SISTON.

Councillors:-

Chairman:- Mr. E. McLeod-Jones.

Vice-Chairman:- Mr. G.G. Fuge.

Members:-
Mr. G.H. Bird.
Mr. J. Blacker.
Mr. R.W. Brighton.
Miss C.R. Clark.
Mr. A.J. Clark.
Mr. R.E. Lockwood.
Mr. A. Lucas.
Mr. R. Marsh.
Mr. J.E.L. Mountford.
Mr. G.E.A. Richards.
Mr. R.J. Wakeford.
Mr. A. Williams.
Mr. G.G. Williams.
Mr. S.H. Ford (resigned
February, 1950)

Clerk of the Council:-

C.W.G. Hitchcock.

Public Health Staff.

Medical Officer of Health.

James Menzies Cormack, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., D.P.A.

Sanitary Inspector.

Leslie J. Prosser, L.I.O.B., M.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.

Pupil Sanitary Inspector.

H.J. Cornes (from June, 1950).

Clerk to the Medical Officer.

R.F. Smith.

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ANNUAL REPORT
of the
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
to the
WARMLEY RURAL DISTRICT
COUNCIL
FOR THE YEAR
1950

Council Offices,
Warmley House,
Warmley.

31st December, 1950.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report on the health of this District and the 42nd in the series.

The Report is compiled as set out in the Ministry of Health Circular, and Population Statistics are supplied by the Registrar General.

My thanks are due to Members of the Council and Staff of the Council for their assistance.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

J. MENZIES CORMACK.

Medical Officer of Health.

S T A T I S T I C S

(A) GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area of District	8,843 acres.
Population: Registrar-General's estimate - Mid-1950	10,300
Number of inhabited houses: per Rate Books.	3,086
Estimated number of void houses.	Nil
Rateable Value.	£41,793
Sum represented by Penny Rate.	£153

(B) EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS.

<u>Live Births.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	Birth rate per 1,000 estimated resident population mid-1950.	
Legitimate	60	49	109		10.7
Illegitimate	3	2	5		
				England & Wales.	15.8
<u>Stillbirths.</u>				Rate per 1,000 total (Stillbirths)	0.19
Legitimate	1	1	2		
Illegitimate	-	-	-	England & Wales.	0.37
<u>Deaths.</u>	63	60	123	Death rate per 1,000 estimated average population.	11.7
				England & Wales	11.6
<u>Deaths of Infants under one year of age.</u>					
Legitimate	2	1	3	Local rate per 1,000 live births	26.6
Illegitimate	-	-	-	England & Wales	29.8

TABLE SHOWING PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH. 1950.

Causes of Death		Under 1 yr.	1-5	5-15	15-25	25-45	45-65	65-75	75 & over	Total
1.	Tuberculosis, respiratory.	1			1					1
2.	Tuberculosis, other.	2								-
3.	Syphilitic disease.	3								-
4.	Diphtheria.	4								-
5.	Whooping Cough.	5								-
6.	Meningo-coccal infections.	6								-
7.	Acute Poliomyelitis.	7								-
8.	Measles.	8								-
9.	Other infective and parasitic diseases.	9								-
10.	Malignant neoplasm, stomach.	10					1	3	2	6
11.	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus.	11				2				2
12.	Malignant neoplasm, breast.	12								-
13.	Malignant neoplasm, uterus.	13						1		1
14.	Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms.	14				5		4	3	12
15.	Leukaemia, aleukaemia.	15								-
16.	Diabetes.	16								-
17.	Vascular lesions of nervous system.	17				5	8		6	19
18.	Coronary disease, angina.	18				3	2		5	10
19.	Hypertension with heart disease.	19				1	5		5	11
20.	Other heart disease.	20			1	3	8		14	26
21.	Other circulatory disease.	21					1		1	2
22.	Influenza.	22								-
23.	Pneumonia.	23				1	1			2
24.	Brochitis.	24						3	2	7
25.	Other diseases of respiratory system.	25				1	1			2
26.	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum.	26				2				
27.	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea.	27				1				-
28.	Nephritis and nephrosis.	28				1				1
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate.	29						2	1	3
30.	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion.	30						1	1	2
31.	Congenital malformations.	31	3	1						-
32.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases.	32		1			1	5	3	4
33.	Motor vehicle accidents.	33								10
34.	All other accidents.	34								-
35.	Suicide.	35						2		2
36.	Homicide and operations of war.	36								-

DISEASE	Under 1 yr.	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-35	35-45	45-65	65 & over	Unknown	TOTAL
Smallpox	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	-	1	2	2	1	114	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	21
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	-	5	15	15	15	58	4	-	-	-	-	-	2	114
Whooping Cough	-	1	2	1	-	5	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	10
Chicken Pox	-	-	1	-	2	2	2	-	1	-	-	-	1	9
Enteric Fever including Paratyphoid.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	1	-	-	2	-	1	1	1	4	2	3	-	1	16
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	-	4
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	1	-	2	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	6
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	1	8	20	22	18	80	9	3	5	5	5	1	4	181

TABLE OF INCIDENCE OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN EACH PARISH.

Disease	Bitton	Hanham Abbots	Mangots- field	Oldland	Siston	TOTAL
Smallpox	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	1	7	1	6	6	21
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	47	6	5	51	5	114
Whooping Cough	1	-	7	-	2	10
Chicken Pox	8	-	-	-	1	9
Enteric Fever including Paratyphoid	-	1	-	-	-	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas	2	1	-	-	1	4
Pneumonia	12	2	-	-	2	16
Acute Poliomyelitis	4	1	-	1	-	6
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	75	18	13	58	17	181

TABLE SHOWING NEW CASES AND DEATHS (TUBERCULOSIS)
IN AGE GROUPS

AGE GROUP	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Respiratory		Non-resp.		Respiratory		Non-resp.	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Under 1 year								
1 - 5 years			1					
5 - 15 years								
15 - 25 years	1		1		1			
25 - 35 years		2						
35 - 45 years	1							
45 - 55 years		1						
55 - 65 years	1							
65 and over								
Age unknown	1	1						
TOTAL	4	4	2	-	1	-	-	-

A N N U A L R E P O R T
of the
S A N I T A R Y I N S P E C T O R

for the year

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To the Chairman and Members of the
Warmley Rural District Council.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Report for
the year 1950, this being my Fourth Annual Report.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

L. J. PROSSER.

Sanitary Inspector.

SUMMARY OF SANITARY INSPECTOR'S VISITS AND
AND NOTICES SERVED DURING THE YEAR.

General Sanitation.

Water Supply	...	...	...	...	...	59
Drainage....	...	...	...	...	...	175
Stables and Piggeries .	...	...	...	...	...	7
Tents, Vans and Sheds .	...	...	...	...	...	94
Factories .	...	...	...	...	...	26
Workshops .	...	...	...	...	...	4
Workplaces	...	...	...	...	...	3
Theatres and Places of Entertainment	...	...	...	...	...	1
Refuse Collection	...	...	...	...	...	7
Refuse Disposal .	...	...	...	...	...	26
Rats and Mice	...	...	...	...	...	5

General Sanitation (continued)

Schools	....	...	...	...	1
Shops...	...	...	...	...	1
Miscellaneous Sanitary Visits	...				40
Council and other Meetings...	...				49
Owners	...	...	...	...	2
Visits to Medical Officer of Health					23

Housing.

Houses inspected and visited under the Public Health Acts	...	...	252
Houses inspected and visited under the Housing Acts	...	...	2
Houses inspected for Overcrowding	..		4
Verminous Premises	...	...	3
Miscellaneous Housing Visits	...		21

Infectious Diseases.

Inquiries in cases of Infectious Diseases	...	...	...	...	45
Visits re Disinfectious	...	...	...	...	31
Miscellaneous Infectious Disease Visits	...	...	...	...	47

Meat and Food Inspection.

Visits to Slaughterhouses	...	...	412
Visits to Shops and Stalls	..	...	20
Visits to other Premises	...	...	10
Fishmongers and Poulterers	.	...	1
Grocers	...	...	1
Greengrocers and Fruiterers	.	...	1
Cowsheds	...	...	1
Dairies and Milkshops	...	...	17
Ice-cream Premises	...	...	6
Food Preparing Premises	2

Visits in connection with Sampling.

Milk - Bacteriological	1
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TOTAL	<u>1,400</u>	Visits.
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SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

Inspections made:-

Nuisances discovered or reported	...	43
Informal & Preliminary Notices sent	...	18
Statutory Notices sent...	...	5
Nuisances abated during the year	...	61
Summonses issued..	...	2
Convictions obtained	...	2

S A N I T A R Y C I R C U M S T A N C E S O F T H E Y E A R.

WATER SUPPLY.

Beach.

This supply is, from a chemical point of view, a very good one, but unfortunately the bacteriological results are very unsatisfactory and show the water to be unsafe and not suitable for human consumption.

Swineford.

These results are similar to those of last year, in fact, the differences over the last four years are not very important. The difficulty is the large number of Presumptive Coliform Organisms.

Upton Cheyney

These results show very little difference from the last samples. The bacteriological results again indicate that the supply is unsatisfactory and could not be passed for use by even this small hamlet.

It is regretted that the temporary scheme put forward in November, 1946 for the erection of a standpipe at 280 O.D. level, which it was hoped would be available by 1952 will not be carried out for a considerable time. This scheme would not have provided sufficient pressure to supply the top floor of the houses, but would have given an alternative supply and the mains installed for this temporary measure could later have been used as part of the main scheme to supply this area.

West Gloucestershire Water Company.

This supply has again been satisfactory both in quality and quantity. The hardness figure, which is temporary, still remains high although it did not exceed the permitted number of degrees.

Parish of Bitton.

In the Parish of Bitton no improvements have been carried out to the unsatisfactory supply to Upton Cheyney, Beach and Golden Valley. The method of distribution by open jointed pipes and troughs is always exposed to pollution.

CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS.

WATERFALL & O'BRIEN,
Analytical, Technical &
Consulting Chemists.

The Laboratory,
4, Queen Square,
Bristol. 1.

20th March, 1951.

Of a sample of WATER from Beach Water Supply from roadside flow
to trough. Taken by L.J. Prosser, Esq., at 10.10 a.m.
13.3.51.

Lab. Ref.
No. 8272.

Appearance: Slight turbidity. Very pale yellow colour. Small
sediment consisting mostly of mineral debris (sand
etc.)

Reaction: pH 7.4

Parts per 100,000

Free and Saline Ammonia	Less than 0.001
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.003
Chlorine	1.4
equivalent to Sodium Chloride	2.3
Oxygen absorbed (4 hrs.)	0.034
Nitrite	absent
Nitrogen in Nitrate	0.17
Total Solids	34.5
Loss on ignition	2.5
Appearance on ignition	Very slight charring
Hardness: Temporary	22.8
Permanent	5.2
Total	28.0

Bacteriological Examination

Colonies on Agar @ 20° C. 330 per ml.
ditto @ 37° C. 40 " "

Presumptive Organisms of the Coli-aerogenes Group, 45 per 100 ml.
Faecal types not detected.

Sample of WATER from Swinford Water Supply. Taken from stand pipe
Lab. Ref. By L.J. Prosser Esq., at 10.30 a.m. 13.3.51.
No. 8273.

Appearance: Very slight turbidity. No colour. Small sediment
mostly iron rust.

Reaction: pH 7.3

Parts per 100,000

Free and Saline Ammonia	Less than 0.001
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.003
Chlorine	1.7
equivalent to Sodium Chloride	2.8
Oxygen absorbed (4 hrs.)	0.033
Nitrite	absent
Nitrogen in Nitrate	0.30
Total Solids	38.0
Loss on ignition	4.0
Appearance on ignition	Slight charring
Hardness: Temporary	22.8
Permanent	6.1
Total	28.9

Bacteriological Examination.

Colonies on Agar @ 20° C. 35 per ml.
ditto @ 37° C. 6 " "

Presumptive Organisms of the Coli-aerogenes Group, 10 per 100 ml.
(faecal).

Sample of WATER from Upton Cheyney Water Supply to fountain.
Lab. Ref. Taken by L.J. Prosser Esq., 10.15 a.m. 13.3.51.
No. 8274.

Appearance: Slightly cloudy. Very faint yellow colour.
Appreciable sediment of mineral and vegetable
debris.

Reaction: pH 7.6

	<u>Parts per 100,000</u>
Free and Saline Ammonia	Less than 0.001
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.003
Chlorine	1.6
equivalent to Sodium Chloride	2.6
Oxygen absorbed (4 hrs.)	0.049
Nitrite	absent
Nitrogen in Nitrate	0.24
Total Solids	40.5
Loss on ignition	3.5
Appearance on ignition	Slightly charring
Hardness: Temporary	25.7
Permanent	5.9
Total	<u>31.6</u>

Bacteriological Examination.

Colonies on Agar @ 20° C.	66 per ml.
ditto @ 37° C.	10 " "

Presumptive Organisms of the Coli-aerogenes Group, 200 per 100 ml.
including 25 faecal.

Sample of WATER from West Gloucestershire Water Co. Supply at
Lab. Ref. Bitton. Taken by L.J. Prosser Esq., at 10.50 a.m.
No. 8275. 13.3.51.

Appearance: No turbidity or colour. No sediment.

Reaction: pH 7.3

	<u>Parts per 100,000</u>
Free and Saline Ammonia	Less than .001
Albuminoid Ammonia	.001
Chlorine	4.6
equivalent to Sodium Chloride	7.6
Oxygen absorbed (4 hrs.)	.011
Nitrite	absent
Nitrogen in Nitrate	0.06
Total Solids	42.0
Loss on ignition	1.5
Appearance on ignition	Very slight charring.
Hardness: All temporary	24.5

Bacteriological Examination.

Colonies on Agar @ 20° C.	Less than 1 per ml.
ditto @ 37° C.	2 per ml.

Presumptive Organisms of the Coli-aerogenes Group, absent from
100 ml.

WATER SUPPLIES (continued).

It is interesting to note that one of the conclusions of the Water Softening report of the Sub-Committee of the Central Advisory Water Committee (1949) is as follows:-

Paragraph 180 - The Desirability of -

1. Undertakers already softening their water supplies are doing a service to the community which is well worth the cost. They should continue to operate their plants (subject to the availability of materials) to produce as soft a water as possible consistent with other technical requirements.
2. Undertakers supplying hard water and so situate as to carry out softening at reasonable cost should be encouraged to plan to do so as soon as labour and materials can be spared from more urgent matters, but should reserve their final decision on softening until the last possible moment so as to be able to take into consideration the latest developments.
3. Undertakers unable by any reason to see their way to providing soft water for some time to come should, nevertheless, keep in mind the desirability of doing so and should, so far as possible, plan accordingly, not, however, making a final decision until it is possible to implement it.

Paragraph 182 (p). Implementing a Policy of Softening.

It will be appreciated that our conclusions are not such as could well be put into effect as a result of legislation. It is suggested that:-

- i As soon as economic conditions allow, the Minister of Health should approve schemes already prepared by undertakers to soften their supplies, after being satisfied, of course, that the proposals are sound and unobjectionable in other ways.
- ii As it is known that several undertakers are desirous of adopting softening, but have not prepared plans to do so, they should be informed that such proposals would receive favourable consideration, the actual time of carrying out being dependent upon the materials and labour situation.
- iii All other undertakers supplying water of hardness greater than 200 p.p.m. should be informed of our conclusions and asked to consider the matter. A number of them would doubtless find it possible to convince the Minister that softening schemes were out of the question for them for a number of years, but the remainder could be urged to take action.

WATER SUPPLIES (continued)

During the year nine samples were taken and submitted for analysis. These were obtained from nine sources. Six were reported as unsatisfactory.

Statutory Notices served	...	...	2
Statutory Notices complied with (by action on default)	1
Preliminary Notices served	6
Preliminary Notices complied with	6

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Particulars of the number of houses served in each Parish, direct from the West Gloucestershire Water Company's Mains Supply:-

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Domestic</u>	<u>Meters</u>
Bitton	822	66
Hanham Abbots	456	33
Mangotsfield Rural	237	27
Oldland	623	33
Siston	467	59
	<u>2,605</u>	<u>218</u>

The above table shows the total number of supplies in each Parish at the end of December, 1950. Many of these supplies are stand-pipes, which are situated just inside road entrance gates, the one tap being used in common by a number of houses. The meter supplies refer to Factories, Farms and Business Premises.

Other Supplies.

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Wells</u>	<u>Pumps</u>	<u>Springs</u>
Bitton	65	41	150
Hanham Abbots	9	-	-
Mangotsfield Rural	35	6	-
Oldland	20	4	4
Siston	19	49	1
	<u>148</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>155</u>

RAINFALL.

The rainfall in 1950 at the West Gloucestershire Water Company's office at Soundwell, Kingswood, in the County of Gloucestershire is:-

January	0.71 ins.	July	4.94 ins.
February	5.26 "	August	6.63 "
March	1.40 "	September	4.86 "
April	1.90 "	October	1.85 "
May	2.13 "	November	5.35 "
June	1.78 "	December	1.85 "

Total for 1950 - 38.66 inches.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

During the year the following new Sewers were laid.

Oldland.

600 feet of 6" G.S. sewer was laid in Tower Road South at a cost of £350. 0. 0d. This provides for the drainage of 13 existing properties, 11 of which have already been connected to the sewer.

At the Park Road Estate 2,000 feet of 6" G.S. sewer was constructed at an approximate cost of £1,500. 0. 0d. and will take the drainage of 60 proposed new Council housing units.

2,060 feet of storm water drain of varying sizes from 6" to 15" was also laid at a cost of £2,100. 0. 0d.

Branch Sewerage Scheme for the Rural District.

Bitton.

Work commenced on the first section of the Branch Sewerage Scheme. This will provide main drainage to a large part of the village at Oldland Common. The estimated cost of this portion of the Scheme is £25,000. 0. 0d. and work started in the late autumn.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

Two earth closets were converted to water closets, complete with flushing cisterns, and connected to the sewer.

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

A weekly collection of Refuse was carried out during the year. Disposal was by tipping at one central tip in Tower Road, Warmley.

The value of Salvage disposed of during the year amounted to £38. 5. 11d., as only Iron and Rags were collected.

Details are as follows:-

			<u>Tons</u>	<u>Cwts.</u>	<u>Qtrs.</u>
Iron	...	...	12	5	2
Rags	...	...	-	12	1

RIVERS AND STREAMS.

Considerable improvement has taken place in the waters of Siston Brook at Warmley, only slight pollution by diesel oil being present.

No improvement has yet taken place in the pollution of the River Boyd at Bitton.

CAMPING SITES.

Number of Sites used for Camping during the year	...	4
Number of Camping Sites in respect of which Licences have been issued by the Local Authority under Section 29 of the Public Health Act, 1936.	...	3
Estimated number of campers resident in the area at one time during the year	...	50

DIRTY AND VERMINOUS PREMISES.

A number of complaints were received of cockroach, beetle and ant infestation and five cases of fly infestation occurred in the roof spaces of different houses. A number of cases of bees swarming in chimneys and floors of houses were also reported.

All cases were treated successfully with Gammexane Dust.

RATS AND MICE.

The Council having no Rodent Operator for the area, assistance was received from the adjoining Authority to treat the cases of infestation found during the year under review. A Rodent Operator has now been appointed for this area, to commence duties on the 1st January, 1951.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 & 1948.

Prescribed particulars which are required by Section 128(3) of the Factories Act, 1937, with respect to matters which are administered by the District Council.

1. INSPECTIONS FOR PURPOSES OF THE PROVISIONS AS TO HEALTH. (INCLUDING INSPECTIONS MADE BY SANITARY INSPECTOR).

Premises	No. on Register	Number of		
		Inspection	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
1. Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	47	26	2	
2. Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	3	5		
3. Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)				
TOTAL	50	31	2	-

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

Defect	No. of cases in which defects were found				
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Insp.	by H.M. Insp.	Prosecuted.
Want of Cleanliness	3	3		1	
Overcrowding					
Unreasonable Temperature					
Inadequate Ventilation					
Ineffective Drainage of Floors					
Sanitary Conveniences					
(a) Insufficient				1	
(b) Unsuitable or defective	6	6		1	
(c) Not separate for sexes	1	1			
TOTAL	10	10		3	

3. OUTWORK (Sections 110 and 111)

Nature of Work.	Section 110			Sect. 111
	No. of outworkers in August list required by Section 110(1)(c).	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council.	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists.	
Wearing) Making, apparel) etc.	7	-	-	Nil

HOUSING.

Revision of the Housing Application List shows that 388 applicants were invited to renew their applications and replies were received from 227, which was the position of the application list at the end of the year. This number does not of course include many needy cases living under very poor and unsatisfactory conditions who have not applied to the Council for rehousing.

27 Families were rehoused in new Council houses during the year.

Since February, 1947, to December, 1950, the total number of families rehoused from the application list was 140.

At the end of the year there were 63 Council houses under construction.

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|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| (a) Number of Dwelling Houses inspected for Defects under the Public Health or Housing Acts | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 252 |
| (b) Number of Houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 |
| (c) Action under Statutory Powers during the year. Proceedings under the Housing Act, 1936 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |

All New Houses.

- | | | | |
|--|--------------------|-----|---------------|
| (a) Total number erected during the year. | Council | ... | 19 |
| | Private Enterprise | ... | 13 |
| (b) New Houses erected during the year with state assistance under the Housing Act | ... | ... | 10
(Airey) |

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Number of Dairies inspected	....	...	...	...	17
Dairies reconstructed	...	...	...	...	2

MEAT INSPECTION.

CARCASSES INSPECTED.

	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	1	40,943	1,266	154
Number inspected	1	40,943	1,266	154

CARCASES CONDEMNED

	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs
<u>All Diseases except Tuberculosis.</u>			
Whole carcasses condemned	80	9	7
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	500	163	46
Percentage of carcasses inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis.	1.42%	13.66%	34.42%
<u>Tuberculosis only.</u>			
Whole carcasses condemned	119	-	2
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	≐ 429	-	51
Percentage of carcasses inspected affected with Tuberculosis	1.33%	-	34.42%

* During the year it was found that there was a considerable increase in the number of infections of the retro-pharyngeal gland of the calves' heads affected with tuberculosis.

Attention is drawn to the high percentage of condemnations in the case of pigs; this is due to the fact that the slaughter-house is used principally for calves; the pigs received are mainly casualty cases for emergency slaughter.

CONGENITAL TUBERCULOSIS IN CALVES

Year	No. of Calves Condemned	No. of Calves not labelled	No. of Calves' Dams' Owners traced	No. of Dams not traced	Dams taken under T.B. Order Pos.Result	Dams not confirmed Negative Result	Results not known
1946	123	57	58	8	51	7	-
1947	83	40	37	3	26	11	3
1948	123	53	61	9	48	10	3
1949	95	27	68	3	46	19	3
1950	117	46	71	9	49	11	2

It is unfortunate that in many cases of Congenital Tuberculosis in calves, the owners cannot be traced as the calves have lost the labels giving the market reference number during transit from the market to the Slaughterhouse, especially during wet weather.

The usual procedure of notifying all congenital cases to the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, the County Sanitary Inspector and Local Authorities, was carried out as in previous years.

CONDEMNED FOODS REGISTER.

During the year the following weight of food was inspected and condemned.

Meat (tuberculosis)	10,296 lb.
Meat (other diseases)	9,538 "
Other foods including canned, bottled and various foods.	364 "
	<u>20,198 lb.</u>

ICE-CREAM.

Ice-cream manufacture is only carried out for one small restaurant in the whole of the area, all other cases are for the sale only of prepacked ices, for which 22 licences are in force

BOILING OF COCKLES.

One Licence was issued during the year to register premises for the boiling of cockles.

SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS ACT.

Four Licences to slaughter animals were issued to Slaughtermen.

PETROLEUM (CONSOLIDATION) ACT, 1928.

Licences issued under this Act are as follows:-

Petrol	-	Year 1950	-	25 Licences.
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I beg to remain, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

L. J. PROSSER,

Sanitary Inspector.

